

REMARKS/ARGUMENT**Regarding the Claims in General:**

Claims 2-7, 9-11, 13-16, 18, and 19 remain pending. By this communication, applicants propose to amend claims 10 and 19 to address specific issues raised in the outstanding final Office Action, and are therefore not raising new issues.

Regarding the Telephone Interview Held February 5, 2005:

Applicants' gratefully acknowledges the courtesy and assistance afforded to him by Examiner Henn. During the interview, the proposed amendment to claim 19 contained herein was discussed, and the Examiner agreed that it would overcome the outstanding final rejection of claim 19, and its dependent claims 2-4. It is therefore respectfully requested that the amendment to claim 19 (along with the amendment correcting the informality in claim 10) be entered to place these claims in condition for allowance.

Regarding The Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 10, 11, 13-16, and 18, and the indication that claims 5-7 and 9 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of their respective parent claims. Because the objected to claims are also dependent on allowable claim 19, claims 5-7 and 9 have been retained in dependent form.

Since all of the claims are now believed to be in allowable form, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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